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**RE: UNITED STATES v. LOUIS TURCHIARELLI**

United States Attorney TERRANCE P. FLYNN announced today the sentencing of LOUIS TURCHIARELLI, age 38, of Buffalo, New York. TURCHIARELLI, who was convicted of using extortionate means to collect an extension of credit in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 894, on June 26, 2006, was sentenced to 24 months in prison, a \$1,500 fine, and 3 years of supervised release by the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Judge.

Assistant U.S. Attorney BRETT A. HARVEY, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of using extortionate means to collect an extension of credit when he made threats of violence against a Rochester man in an effort to collect an outstanding gambling debt in the amount of approximately \$18,000, in October, 2005.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Laurie Bennett, Special Agent in Charge.